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Subject: RE: Drift Tip/Complaint: Naperville, IL

Importance: High

Thanks Claudia... she also contacted out Dekalb office so we will make contact with her and let you know what we find out.

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From: Niess, Claudia <niess.claudia@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 1:13 PM
To: Moss, Suzanne <Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov>
Cc: Calvo, Estrella <calvo.estrella@epa.gov>
Subject: [External] Drift Tip/Complaint: Naperville, IL

Hi Suzanne:

EPA has received a tip/complaint regarding alleged pesticide drift and/or exposure in Naperville, Illinois. We are forwarding this complaint to you for potential follow-up and investigation under IDA's primary enforcement authority under Section 26 of FIFRA. The complaint information is provided below:

Complainant: **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)** Naperville, IL 60540; **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**

Address subject to complaint: (see complaint)

Complaint date: 5/21/20

Description:

"Hello,

trugreen once again 05/18/2020 did not notifying us when they spray our adjacent neighborhoods

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We have a small child and I have chemical sensitivity once again I got a reaction to there chemical. They didn't notify us so we could not stay inside, close the windows and bring in cover our belongings and the kids toys. Even worse the person who was applying it including hosing off with chemicals the trees strongly, was in our front yard and I told them to get off our property and he said there is no notification law and he then got very mad and sprayed / hosed off our wood fence because he was mad.

All went on our fence and flew over to our daughters outdoor toys. The white residue on her two pools, our basketball hoop and our trees are damaged who where standing by the fence.

I'm shocked how somebody can be so irresponsible.

We have been fighting that with them for over 2 years they have been fined and addressed multiple times by the USDA and still continue not to follow the law and regulations.

They don't want to understand that I break out in hive and/or get headaches sore throat,etc a serious reaction and my doctor keeps telling me to stay away, and make clear to them I can not be exposed to this chemicals because they could could shortness of breath which is very dangerous with having a small child in the household.

But how can I stay safe if they don't tell me if they spray during the day regardless of anybody being outside. They don't even tell us after asking many times what got applied once again breaking the law they have to tell us.

The company is called

Trugreen

Karl Schertz Manager

1030 International Pkwy

Woodridge,IL 60517

office 630-343-4070

My daughter has her playhouse in the yard and they spray regardless if anybody is outside. We have seen them apply chemicals while kids where playing right by them That's so irresponsible

Please help us with this matter

Many Thanks

Sincerely

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Please let us know if you need any further information.

Thanks,

Claudia Niess

Enforcement Officer

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

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